

6th Sunday of Easter / May 9, 2021

Hancock County Catholic Church

St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



CELEBRATE

Mother's Day



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Nationwide Mass Times

Call 1-734-794-2100 or www.masstimes.org

Opportunities for Life Hotline

Call (800) 822-5824 for help for those experiencing an untimely pregnancy.

Does Your Marriage Need Help?

Call 800-470-2230 or www.retrouvaille.org

Membership in the Parish

We give a hearty welcome to all new families moving into our Parish. Please register in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Families who plan to move from our parish community are requested to inform us.

Bulletin Articles

Deadline for submission of bulletin articles is on Monday.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Phone 270-295-3494
Store hours: M-F 10-4 pm, Sat. 10-2 pm
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St.

Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.





Love One Another

Our gospel this weekend recalls Jesus' farewell message to His apostles on the night of the Last Supper. He had been with them for only about three years and time was running out. He had taught so much about love and service and had done so not only in words but also in action. He taught, healed, comforted, and fed thousands at a time. On the night before He died He even washed the feet of His disciples as a service of total humility. He also said that greatness is reflected in service to another. As He told His apostles to wash the feet of others and to practice the gift of love...so we as His followers are called to do the same. In doing these things for Jesus and neighbors we continue to keep His memory alive! Each time we gather as a church to nourish on the Word of God and to share in the Holy Eucharist, we keep the story of Jesus alive in our hearts. As we receive the Lord may we too love as He loved. Have a good week, Fr. Terry

Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

During his farewell discourse, Jesus refers to his disciples as his "friends." How often do you think of Jesus as your "friend?"



Cemetery Policy Reminder

Mowing season has begun. Just a reminder that the policy is: All flowers and ornaments must be attached to the headstone. Shepherd's hooks are for hanging baskets only. Items or mementoes left on the grass will be gathered up and discarded so as not to be in the way of the mower. Please pass this word along to your family and friends. Thank you.

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice.
Bless all mothers this day.
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care.
May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.



Adopt a Senior

This year we are asking parishioners to "adopt a senior". Let us show our seniors how much we love them, support them and are praying for them! Feel free to adopt one, two, or all by sending a card, letter, or even a little gift showing your support during this time. We will have Mass on May 23rd at both St. Columba and Immaculate

Conception in honor of our graduates. If you need their address, it may be in the parish directory or feel free to contact Jill and she will send it to you. Thank you!

Congratulations to our 2021 Seniors!

St Columba

Adam Gregory son of Michelle and Brad Gregory

Michael Payne son of Laura Hawes

Immaculate Conception

Karly Booty daughter of Yvonne and Keith Booty

Gracey Emmick daughter of Rachael and Kasey Emmick

Rheanne Phillips daughter of Mike Fuchs

Sam Snyder son of Polly and John Snyder

Falyn Stokes daughter of Loretta and Heath Stokes

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, May 12

5:30 pm † Cotton & Elaine Thomas IC
By Kathy Humphrey

Thursday, May 13

8:00 am † Robert Scott SC
By Martha Fullenwider

Saturday, May 15

5:00 pm † Beverly Emmick IC
By Mike and Shelia Ogle

Sunday, May 16

8:30 am † Joe Adkins SC
By Faye Wettstain & Mary Hawkins

10:30 am † Hannah Boehman IC
By Kenny and Mary Woodward

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date May 9, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 **Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: **Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19



A listing of online Mass locations and times are on our website: www.icscchurch.org
You may also join St Columba Live on our Facebook page on Sundays at 8:30am.

TV Channels for other Masses

DirectTV CH 370
Dish CH 261
Antenna CH 45 at 6:00am

Immaculate Conception Mission Statement

As people chosen by God through our baptism, the parish of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is called to make Christ visible in our family, community and the world. We proclaim God's word in worship, through the sacraments, in hospitality, teaching, repentance, forgiveness and service.

Our goal is that all people may come to know and share in the salvation of Jesus Christ.

Bulletin Board

Sunday, May 9

Mother's Day

SC

Tuesday,

7am -7pm Adoration

IC

Thursday, May 13

7am -4pm Adoration

SC

Sunday, May 16



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Changes to Mass and Disinfecting

Teams please note the recent changes to the disinfecting schedule. Per Diocesan guidelines at all masses we now only need to use sanitizing wipes to disinfect all high touch areas such as door knobs, push plates, light switches, bathroom faucets, flush handles and commode seats. Pews do not need to be disinfect-ed. The **spray can** disinfectant will also be used on **Saturday Night only** due to the turn around time of Mass on Sunday morning. We no longer need to use the garden sprayer. Missalettees may be placed in the pew for parishioners use but singing is still not recommended by the general assembly. Please contact Denise if you have any questions.

Saturday May 15

Immaculate Conception 5:00pm

- Lector: Volunteer
- Eucharistic Min: Volunteer
- Hospitality/Usher: Volunteer
- Disinfecting Team: Charles & Peggy Howard

Sunday May 16

St. Columba 8:30am

- Lector: Joseph Quinn
- Cross Bearer: Bob Durbin
- Eucharistic Min: Dian Heavrin
- Hospitality/Usher: Butch Meriwether, Denny Long

Disinfecting Team: Ron Spalding,

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

- Lector: Falyn Stokes
- Cross Bearer: Volunteer
- Eucharistic Min: Aimee Lyday
- Hospitality/Usher: Leonard/Linda Thomas
- Disinfecting Team: Charles Shadwick, Nathan Powers



Why Do We Do That?

Question: What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot. It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization." Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.



"Thank You, Mom"

From the initial wonder to the morning sickness,
 From the sleepless nights to the giggles of delight,
 From the first steps to the temper tantrums,
 Thank you, Mom.

From school day pride to detention day disappointment,
 From the big game to the big show to the big "uh-oh,"
 With secret shared moments and home-cooked meals,
 Thank you, Mom.

Through tears and laughter,
 Through sorrow and joy,
 For all the ups and downs,
 and for the journey yet to come,
 Thank you, Mom!

Safe Environment

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities at 270-526-3871; local law enforcement at 270-927-1311 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available in this parish on the bulletin board, in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal\$3,173.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00
Collection 5-2-21..... <u>\$3,031.00</u>	Collection 5-2-21..... <u>\$2,525.00</u>
Difference under \$142.00	Difference over..... \$25.00
Mass Attendance 44/119	Mass Attendance 106
Week # 44 of 52	Week # 44 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$139,612	Fiscal YTD Goal\$110,000
Fiscal YTD Actual\$144,518	Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$111,252

St. Columba Mission Statement

We, St. Columba Parish, are a living family of God committed to deepening and sharing our faith. We immerse ourselves deeper in our baptism to reach out to those in need, call people to recognize their talents and pray for guidance to lead all people to experience the light of Christ.